Mini-Bikes Not Only For Children

Mr. Lacy Sharp of Route 1, Appomattox, pictured above, enjoys riding mini-bikes. He spent a good part of Christmas Day riding his grandson's new mini-bike.

Mr. Sharp, though he will be 70 years old in April of 1973 is not only young at heart but is young as far as activities, too. Among his other hobbies, he enjoys fishing, hunting and raising beef cattle.

HOLLYWOOD

Rev. W. H. Elder brought us a wonderful Christmas message Sunday morning at Hollywood.

The Christmas program and Christmas treat at Hollywood Church Thursday night was enjoyed by everyone there. Our thanks and appreciation are extended to the program and treat committees. They did such a fine job and to each one participating in the program.

Supper guests of Mrs. W. T. Covington Thursday night were Mrs. M. L. Covington, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and son, William, Mrs. Charlie Bagby and Miss Julia Wingfield.

Mrs. Vara Robertson and son, Kenneth, of Lovinston, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Webb and family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Beasley, of Glendale Heights, Ill., are visiting their mother, Mrs. Grover Beasley, Sr. during the Christmas Holidays. Mrs. Beasley's other children were supper guests of their mother Friday night.

Supper guests of Mrs. Charlie Bagby Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and William, Mrs. Iva Covington, Mrs. M. L. Covington, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield, Mrs. W. T. Covington, Mr. James Woodall and Jimmie and Miss Julia Wingfield.

We are so glad our pastor, Rev. W. H. Elder's mother, Mrs. Cary Elder, is home from the hospital and is improving nicely.

Our sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jenkins in the death of Mrs. Jenkin's cousin, Miss Henry Beard, who died last week from burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Seabron Adamee, of Norfolk, spent Sunday night and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Webb and family. They also visited other relatives.

Luncheon guests Saturday of Mrs. Charlie Bagby were Mrs. Logan Hubbard, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Jackie Woodall, Mr. Logan Hubbard, Daniel and Scott Woodall and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Mangus called in this home during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Franklin, Wesley, Rickie and Pam and Mrs. Mattie C. Franklin visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam McFall and family in Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Carwile, of Appomattox, Sunday afternoon.

A lot of relatives and friends attended the 55th anniversary given Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Conner Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baldwin and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hanenkrat, of Richmond, spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. M. L. Covington.

We are very sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Hal Bryant. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Maxwell and family spent Christmas week end in Richmond with Mr. and Mrs. James Cook and family and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Craig and family.

Dinner guests Christmas Day of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family were Mr. and Mrs. James Waldron, of Bedford, Mrs. Willie Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and William, Mrs. W. T. Covington, Mrs. M. L. Covington and Mrs. Charlie Bagby.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and Miss Julia Wingfield were breakfast guests among others of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Watson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jenkins had all their children as their dinner guests Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Jr. and children, Shannon and Larry, of Alexandria, are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Watson, Sr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and Mrs. Charlie Bagby visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Schampel and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schampel Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Woodall had as their dinner guests Christmas Day all of their children.

All of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond's children were supper guests Christmas night of their parents.

May each reader and the staff of The Times-Virginian have a most peaceful and Happy New Year and may we let Love, Joy and Peace begin in our own heart's first.

PURITAN PULPIT

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By Earnie W. Lucas: Pastor
"Sir We Would See Jesus"

In the Memphis Baptist Temple while preaching there about a year ago I noticed a sign inscribed upon the Pulpit. "Sir we would see Jesus". This served as a reminder to the Pastor of that Church and all of his guest Ministers that our primary mission in preaching is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ. It can be said of many pulpits throughout our community and land, "They have taken away the Lord and we know not where they have laid him." Mr. C. H. Spurgeon once said, "A sermon without Christ is a mistake in conception and a crime in execution". The late John Owens struck a sweet chord when he spoke the following words to the House of Commons in England. "Christ Is The Way: men without Him are wanderers and vagabonds. He Is The Truth: men without Him are liars like the Devil of old. He Is The Life: men without Him are dead in trespasses and sins. He Is The Light: men without Him are in darkness and so they no not whither. He Is The Vine; men that are not in Him are withered branches prepared for the fire. He Is The Rock; men not built on Him are carried away with the flood. He Is The Alpha and Omega; the first and the last, the author and ender, the founder and finisher of our Salvation. He that hath not Him hath neither beginning of good nor shall have end of mercy. Oh blessed Jesus how much better were it not to be than to be without thee! Never to be born than not to die in thee!"

Vepco Joins In EPRI Effort

Virginia Electric and Power Company's board of directors has made commitments in excess of $3.7 million over the next two years to a national research and development institute for the electric utility industry.

John M. McGurn, Vepco board chairman, said the contribution will go to the Electric Power Research Institute, a non-profit corporation founded earlier this year. The EPRI is a joint effort including all elements of the industry, both public and private. To date, 92 investor-owned utilities have pledged $59.6 million for 1973 and $94.7 million for 1974 for the R&D program.

Mr. McGurn said Vepco's contribution will be about $1.4 million in 1973 and $2.3 million in 1974. The company's commitment is based on guidelines established by the institute under which electric companies will contribute 0.067 mill per kilowatt hour of sales in 1973 and 0.1 mill per kilowatt hour of sales in 1974.

Vepco's previously announced commitment of $5.2 million over the next ten years for the development of the fast breeder reactor will be incorporated as part of the company's annual contribution to the new R&D organization. The earlier commitment was made last year to the Electric Research Council, EPRI's predecessor.

In addition to developing the fast breeder reactor, EPRI also will conduct R&D programs in other areas related to the electric industry. Besides seeking more efficient methods for the production and utilization of electricity, the organization also will pursue developments in coal gasification, improvements in present methods of generation and the development of fuel cells.

HEARING PROBLEMS?

Because most hearing losses appear gradually, the victims often are not aware of the situation until their hearing impairments have reached the point that they no longer can perform satisfactorily on their jobs.

Spout Spring Ruritans Distribute Christmas Baskets

Christmas baskets, 54 in all, were distributed to the patients in the two Rest Homes in the Spout Spring area and to shut-ins in the community on December 19th, by the members of the Spout Spring Ruritan Club.

Members of the club, pictured above with the baskets ready for delivery, are: standing, left to right, Roger Pillow, Harold Martin, Rev. L.L. Schwemer and E. D. Jones; front row, from left to right, are Phillip Scruggs, Curtis Wooten, Jack Williams, Kit Carson and Floyd Coleman.

CVCC To Offer Course On Local Government

In its upcoming winter quarter, Central Virginia Community College is offering a new, five week, two credit course that will provide a practical guide to the local government of Lynchburg and the surrounding counties.

In announcing the new course, Benjamin W. Wright, Jr., Chairman of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences at CVCC, suggested, "that the course is especially appropriate to follow our fall offering on Lynchburg history. We hope to serve both our full-time students and those persons in our community who would benefit from a practical survey of our local government."

The course instructor will be Joseph N. Morgan, a University of Virginia graduate student and a resident of Nelson County. Morgan is a student of local government in general and also served in 1971 as a research assistant to the North Carolina General Assembly. He intends to point out local government theory through the study of the everyday activities of government that surround each citizen.

The course is designed to allow each student to concentrate on any particular area of interest he may have, while covering the broad scope of local government as well. Because of this flexibility, the course should be of benefit to people with a wide variety of backgrounds.

Studies of city councils, town councils, county boards of supervisors, local and state court systems, city managers and other municipal executives, local government agencies, special district governments, and regional governments will make up the bulk of the course.

Preregistration for the winter quarter will be held on the 27th and 28th of December at the CVCC Wards Road campus and on December 29th at the Ruffner campus. The course, Government 199-2N, will be scheduled for Wednesday nights for five weeks beginning January 3, 1972. Students may enroll for two credits or may audit. There are no course prerequisites. For further information interested persons are urged to call the College at 239-6021.

DRIVE CAREFULLY
SCHOOL IS OUT

Driver Suffers Heart Attack

A 60-year-old man whose car hit a parked vehicle Friday on Seventh Street, was dead on arrival at Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital.

Traffic Officer C. E. Jones reported that Horace Dudley Folks of Rt. 2, Appomattox, apparently died from a heart attack.

Folks was headed north on Seventh Street near the Court Street intersection, Jones said, when his car went off the right side of the street and struck the parked auto, owned by Ralph W. Short of 3219 Memorial Ave.

The Lynchburg Life Saving and Rescue Squad assisted at the scene.

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Christians are employing television, radio, newspapers, billboards, bumper stickers, and other forms of outreach in Key 73. Each congregation is forced to fit into another's plans. Each selects its own form of participation on this basis that our church is a part of Key 73.

One of the greatest resources we have for Key 73 is a *spirit of cooperation*. We are joining together with other committed persons from other congregations are uniting in accomplishing "sharing the message and meaning of Christ."

In Key 73 we are acknowledging that we belong to Christ who is not restricted to any one of the denominations or groups. We are also keenly aware of the massive needs, both physical and spiritual, which clearly call for the healing power of God's redemptive love.

Key 73 offers us the opportunity to be channels of that love and to be a part of the accomplishment of God in our time.

Dec. 26, 1972 to Jan. 14, 1973

PHASE ONE

Calling Our Continent

To Repentance And Prayer

The launch period for a year of Christian renewal that appropriately addresses the sores and sins of our time. It includes a two-week Noon Prayer Line and a Live-In-Action television special and a Lenten Vesper Service in every participating church.

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Appomattox Com- Senior 4-H Club ed to bring Christmas the hearts of 36 children in Appo- County on Thursday December 21, the efforts of all 25 ers a big Christmas held at the Legion Hall in ing including a 10 Christmas tree, ring a visit from direct from the

Christmas party, guidance of chair- Estaline Johnson, tremendous success. ities, which lasted 4:30 p.m. included musical chairs, mat- mas card cut-outs, parading a scavenger Lady Guill and and loads of cookies, candies,

of the evening was Santa Claus. Santa ed him a gift for at the party. Gifts from doll babies, games, footballs, tops, of ice cream. members assisting with included Cindy Guill, Myers, Kim Harrison, Jones, Paula Franklin, Hancock, Mary Hudson, Penfield, Gwen Robin- Hunter, Pam Leda Ford, Inez Claire Gagneur, Carol Carol Jones, Kathy Ellie Belter, Joe Ford, Whitley, Gordon Ford, Mitchell, and Baxter

Appomattox County Welfare Department is party arrange- Mrs. Mary J. McNeil, in provided special ns in planning and the event.

Virginia McCoy tells Santa Claus her Christmas wishes at 4-H Christmas party. Other party participants eagerly await their chance.

Adult Education Is Helpful

The dedication to the process of learning as long as one lives is a noble attribute. Mr. Percy Johnson has shown that he believes this. Mr. Johnson has attended the Adult Basic Education classes sponsored by the Appomattox County School Board.

A recent Monday class was a red letter night for Mr. Johnson. He had often seen his wife working crossword puzzles. On this night the mysteries of working these puzzles were opened to him. His elation was wonderful to see. A new element of living was his to use.

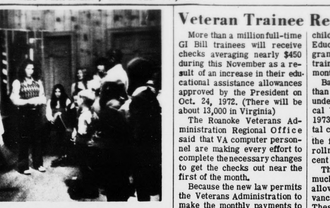
A Monday or two before the mysteries of the dictionary became a functional reality to him. Mr. Johnson has been very inquisitive from the beginning of his joining the class. On this night he asked the teacher, Mrs. Ramsey, and the aide, Mrs. Torrence, why certain words at the bottom of their newspaper were written as they were. He was told they were written that way to help in the use of the dictionary. He was also shown how it helped to pronounce the word. The next Monday night he brought his own dictionary and was off to a new dimension in learning.

Mr. Johnson, during the day is a home builder. When one sees him use the steel square or tell his workers how to use it, one wonders why he comes to class. He is a master worker and teacher on the steel square. he seldom misses a class meeting even though he works all day and often, comes to class after attending his prayer meeting. He often is so tired he can hardly keep his eyes open.

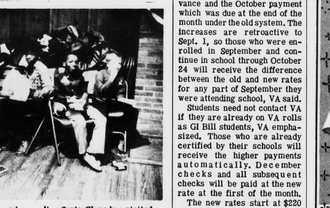
He has been very discouraged at times, but he now sees where he is going and why. He says he did not have the opportunity for schooling when he was younger. He also says he wants to serve as an example to the younger people.

We salute Mr. Percy Johnson.

During the years 1967 to 1971, all motor vehicle registrations increased 16.5 percent while truck registrations were up 20.5 percent.



"Christmas games at 4-H Party" – Mary Parris (center) Pam Moore, and Pamula Franklin (backs to camera) assist with games at the 4-H Christmas party for deserving children.



"Santa has come and . . . " – Santa Claus has visited four boys and left gifts for the holiday season. These boys proudly displaying their gifts of model cars, footballs, and other goodies at the 4-H Christmas party given by the Appomattox Community Senior 4-H Club.

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Veteran Trainee Receive Checks

More than a million full-time GI Bill trainees will receive checks averaging nearly $450 during this November as a result of an increase in their educational assistance allowances approved by the President on Oct. 24, 1972. (There will be about 13,000 in Virginia)

The Roanoke Veterans Administration Regional Office said that VA computer personnel are making every effort to complete the necessary changes to get the checks out near the first of the month.

Because the new law permits the Veterans Administration to make the monthly payments to students in advance rather than at the end of each month of training, November checks will include both the November advance and the October payment which was due at the end of the month under the old system. The increases are retroactive to Sept. 1, so those who were enrolled in September and continue in school through October 24 will receive the difference between the old and new rates for any part of September they were attending school, VA said.

Students need not contact VA if they are already on VA rolls as GI Bill students, VA emphasized. Those who are already certified by their schools will receive the higher payments automatically. December checks and all subsequent checks will be paid at the new rate at the first of the month.

The new rates start at $220 per month for a single trainee going to school full time. Those with one dependent will get $261. Those with two dependents will get $298 and $18 a month more will be paid for each dependent in excess of two.

Payments for apprenticeship and on-the-job training under the GI Bill will start at $160 a month for single trainees.

Eligible wives, widows, and children under the Dependents' Educational Assistance p rogram in approved full time training will receive $220 per month.

Based on estimates that more than two million will be enrolled under the program during Fiscal Year 1973 (ending June 30, 1973) the VA estimates that total costs will be $2.6 billion for the fiscal year. September enrollment was 806,000 – 23 per cent above last year's figure.

The Oct. 24, 1972 law does much more than raise training allowances and authorize advance payment, VA pointed out. These are the changes of greatest interest to students:

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